



DoD Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) Update

Rebecca Harris
17 May 2001
(703) 681-0271
harris1b@ncr.disa.mil



Agenda

- **Introduction – Framing the Problem**
- **Definition, Concepts, and Components**
- **DoD PKI**
- **Interoperability with Trading Partners**
- **Importance of Applications**
- **Using the DoD PKI – An Example**
- **Way Ahead**
- **Summary**



Framing the Problem

Deny Participation in a Transaction

Insider, Hacker, Saboteur, Foreign Intelligence, Enemy CNA, etc...



Commander-in-Chief



Joint Staff

Joint Task Force Commander



 Impersonate Sender

 Modify or Delete Data

 Read sensitive Data

 Gain Unauthorized Access to Networks & Web Servers



Battlefield Commanders



What Does PKI Give Us?

NIPRNet, SIPRNet, Coalition/C2 Networks



✓ **Authentication of Sender**

✓ **Data Integrity**

✓ **Data Confidentiality/Recipient Authentication**

✓ **Non-repudiation of Transmission/Transaction**

✓ **Access Control to Networks & Web Servers**



Definition

- **Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) is:**
 - **Personnel, Policy, Procedures, Components and Facilities to enable cryptographic functions**
 - **Key functions include:**
 - **binding User Names to electronic keys,**
 - **publicizing that binding, and**
 - **tracking continued validity of the keys**
- so that applications can provide the desired security services**

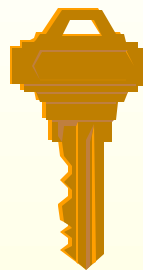


PKI Concepts

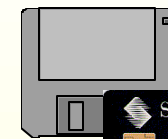
MATCHING PUBLIC/PRIVATE KEY PAIRS:



Public



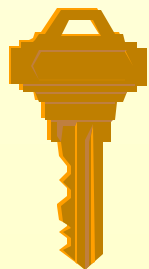
Private



User
Tokens



PUBLIC KEY + NAME = CERTIFICATE



Public

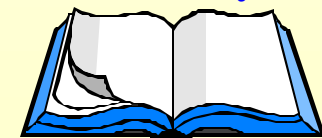
+



=



Electronic
Directory





PKI Key Pairs

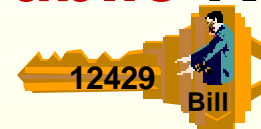
Key pairs generated at the same time

Private Key



- Protected by owner
- Used to sign messages
- Used to decrypt messages
- Kept in physical possession of owner

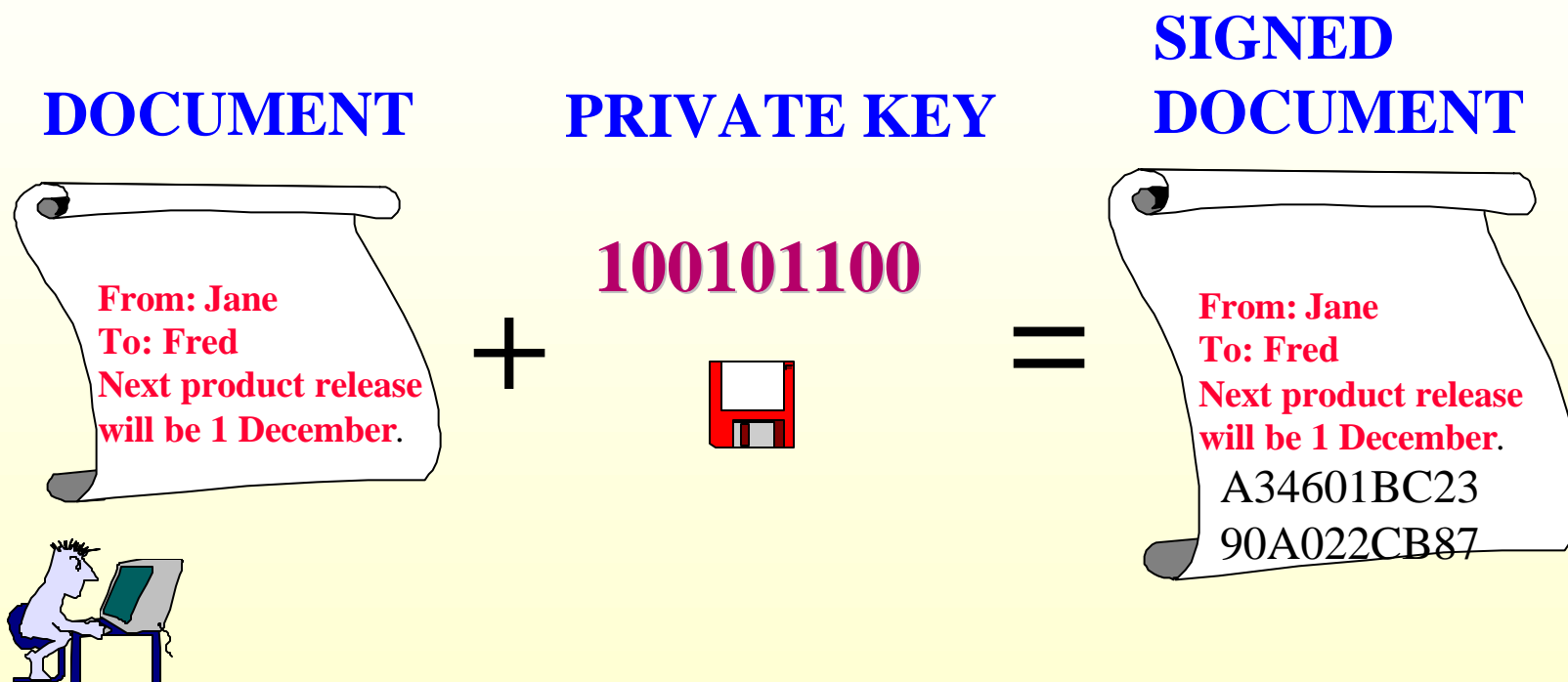
Public Key



- Distributed freely and openly
- Used to verify signatures
- Used to encrypt messages
- Kept in individual public key "certificates"



What is a Digital Signature?

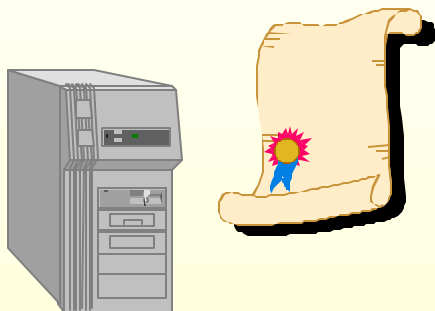


A digital signature is superior to a wet signature because the document can't be changed without detection.



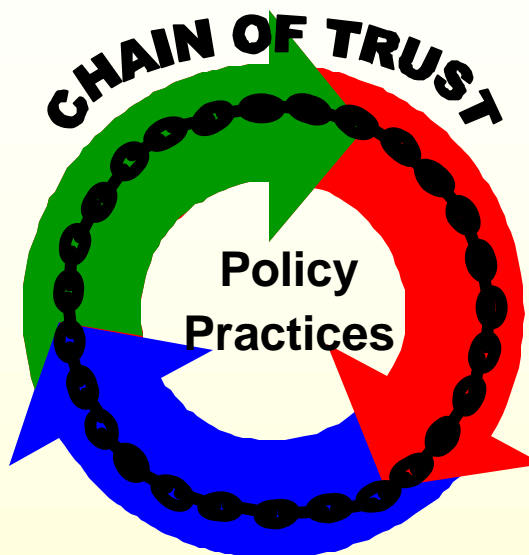
PKI Components

CERTIFICATE MANAGEMENT



- Assert policy
- Certificates
- Interface, processes, procedures, documentation, training
- DISA / NSA

- Application Security
- Relying on Certs and Keys
- C/S/As



PK-ENABLED APPLICATIONS



REGISTRATION PROCESS



- Backbone of trust
- Enforce policy
- Acknowledge responsibility
- C/S/As



PKI Generic Components/Roles



Certification Authority (CA):
creates and signs certificates



Local Registration Authority (LRA):
authorizes creation of certificate
and provides information to CA



User: requests certificates and uses keys
in applications



Relying party: application and/or user
who trusts the certificate



DoD PKI Components and Statistics

- **Operational on**

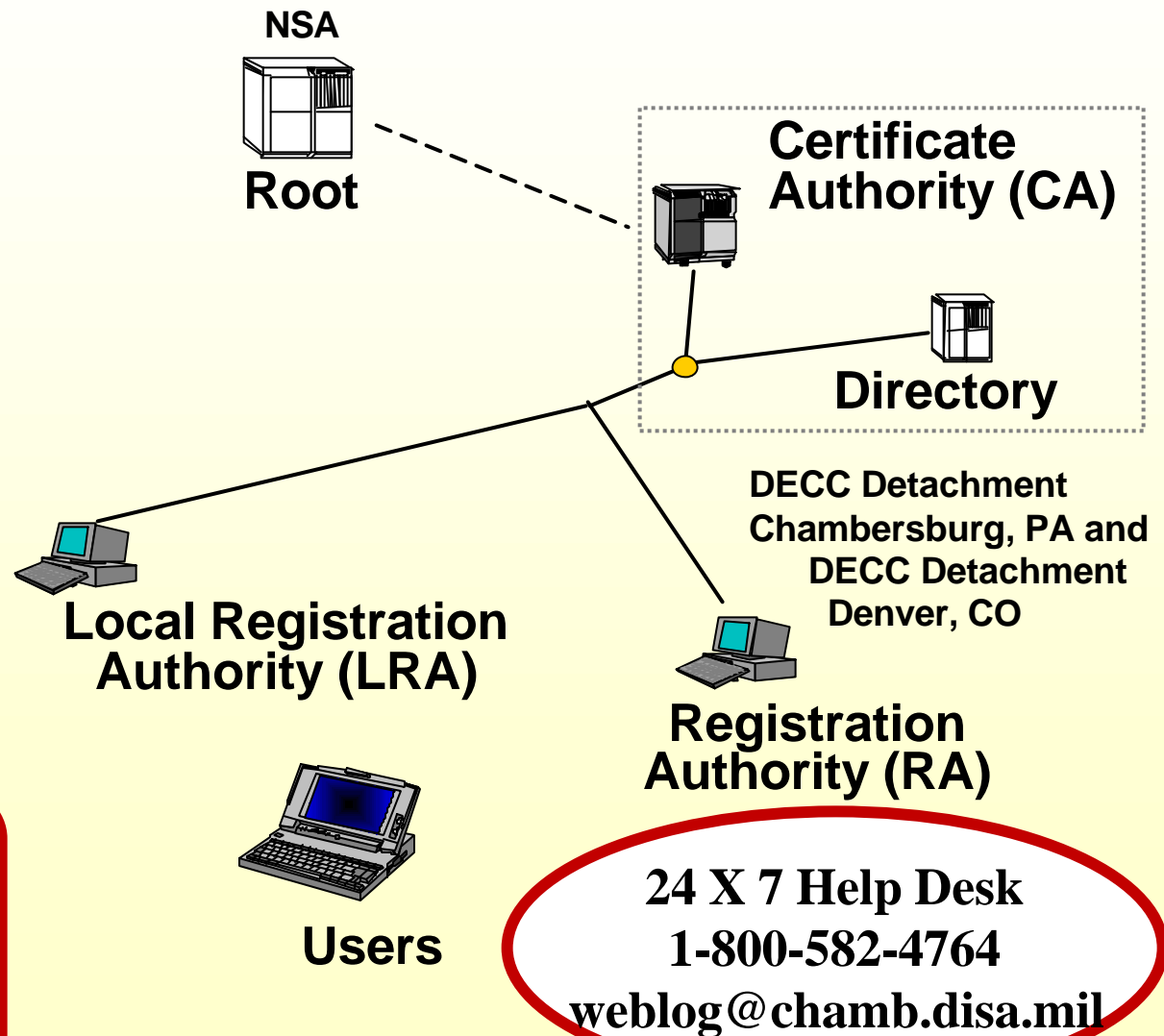
- **NIPRNet**

- 71,636 identity
 - 54,027 e-mail
 - 7,170 servers
 - 174 RAs
 - 501 LRAs

- **SIPRNet**

- 331 identity
 - 26 e-mail
 - 97 servers
 - 13 RAs
 - 13 LRAs

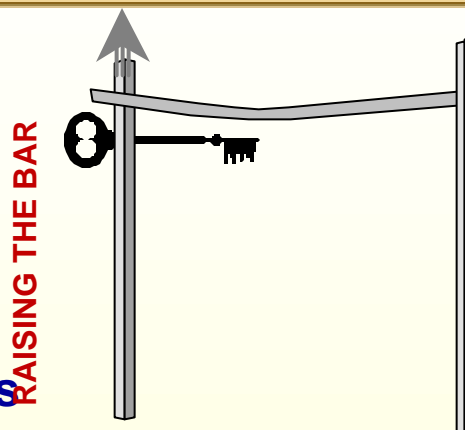
- CA Architecture is highly centralized
- LRAs highly decentralized





DoD PKI Release 2.0

- Operational July 31, 2000
- Asserts Class 3 level of assurance
- Enhancements
 - Key Escrow/Key Recovery
 - FIPS 140-1 level 3 hardware signing of certificates
 - Added Policy Object Identifiers to differentiate between HW/SW certificates
 - FIPS 140-1 level 2 smart cards for registration personnel
 - Larger capacity infrastructure
 - Improved firewall protection of the enclaves
- Training
 - RA/LRA Release 2.0 training started in May 00
- DoD PKI RA/LRA Workstation Security Settings Document @ <https://iase.disa.mil/documentlib.html#PKIDOCS>





DoD PKI Release 3.0 Enhancements and Schedule

- Establishes connection to Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS), DEERS provides the PKI Unique Identifier (UID) - the EDI_PI
- Enables Real-time Automated Personnel Identification System (RAPIDS) Verification Officers (VOs) to issue PKI certificates on Common Access Card (CAC)
- Directory Server, Certificate server, and Web Server Software Upgrades
- Schedule:
 - CAC beta **Currently underway**
 - System Security Assessment **Currently Underway**
 - Release 3.0 NIPRNet **3rd/4th QTR FY01**
 - Release 3.0 SIPRNet **TBD – (After R3 on NIPRNet)**



Interoperability with Trading Partners

- **An External Certification Authority (ECA) is an entity authorized to issue certificates that are interoperable with the DoD PKI to non-DoD personnel.**
- **What is an Interim ECA (IECA)?**
 - **Entity authorized to issue certificates interoperable with the DoD PKI to non-DoD personnel, for a period of one year.**
- **Why an *Interim* ECA?**
 - **Need to work out best practices, understand technical and process issues, understand and resolve legal concerns before finalizing ECA approach and processes.**



Common Uses DoD PKI and IECA Certificates

- **Access PKI-enabled web sites**
- **Exchange signed and/or encrypted e-mail**
- **Access and use other PKI-enabled applications**



IECA Status

- **IECA Pilot extended through Sep 01**

Interim External Certificate Authorities:

Digital Signature Trust (DST)

General Dynamics (GD)

Operational Research Consultants (ORC)

VeriSign, Inc.

- **Programs/organizations utilizing IECA certificates**
 - **Medium Grade Services (MGS)**
 - **Joint Electronic Commerce Program Office (JECPO)**
 - **Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC)**
 - **Military Traffic Management Command (MTMC)**
- **Currently testing IECA Server Certificates**
- **Planning to transition IECAs to meet Release 3.0 requirements**



Importance of Applications

- **PKI Certificates Are Only the Enabler**
 - **PK Enabled Applications are a Critical Component**
- **PKI PMO Primary Responsibilities**
 - **Standards-based PKI**
 - **Design Requirements for PK Enabling Toolkits/Middleware**
 - **Coordination of Applications Enabling Toolkit/Middleware validation**
 - **Interoperability Test Capability**
- **Organization/Application Responsibilities**
 - **Funding**
 - **Enable Applications**
 - **Registration Infrastructure**



Using the DoD PKI

An Example



The / Assure Advantage

Key Points:

- Contract supports up to **TS / SCI** security requirements
- 7 year multi-award contract
- All tasks **MUST BE** competed, no follow-on work from previous contracts

Most of the work awarded under this contract will be professional services, however,

.... *the contract is structured to permit purchase of a full range of Information Assurance (IA) solutions, including the hardware, software and enabling products necessary to implement these solutions.*

The Math

9 Large Businesses
plus 2 Small Businesses
plus DISA

equals 1 Great Team

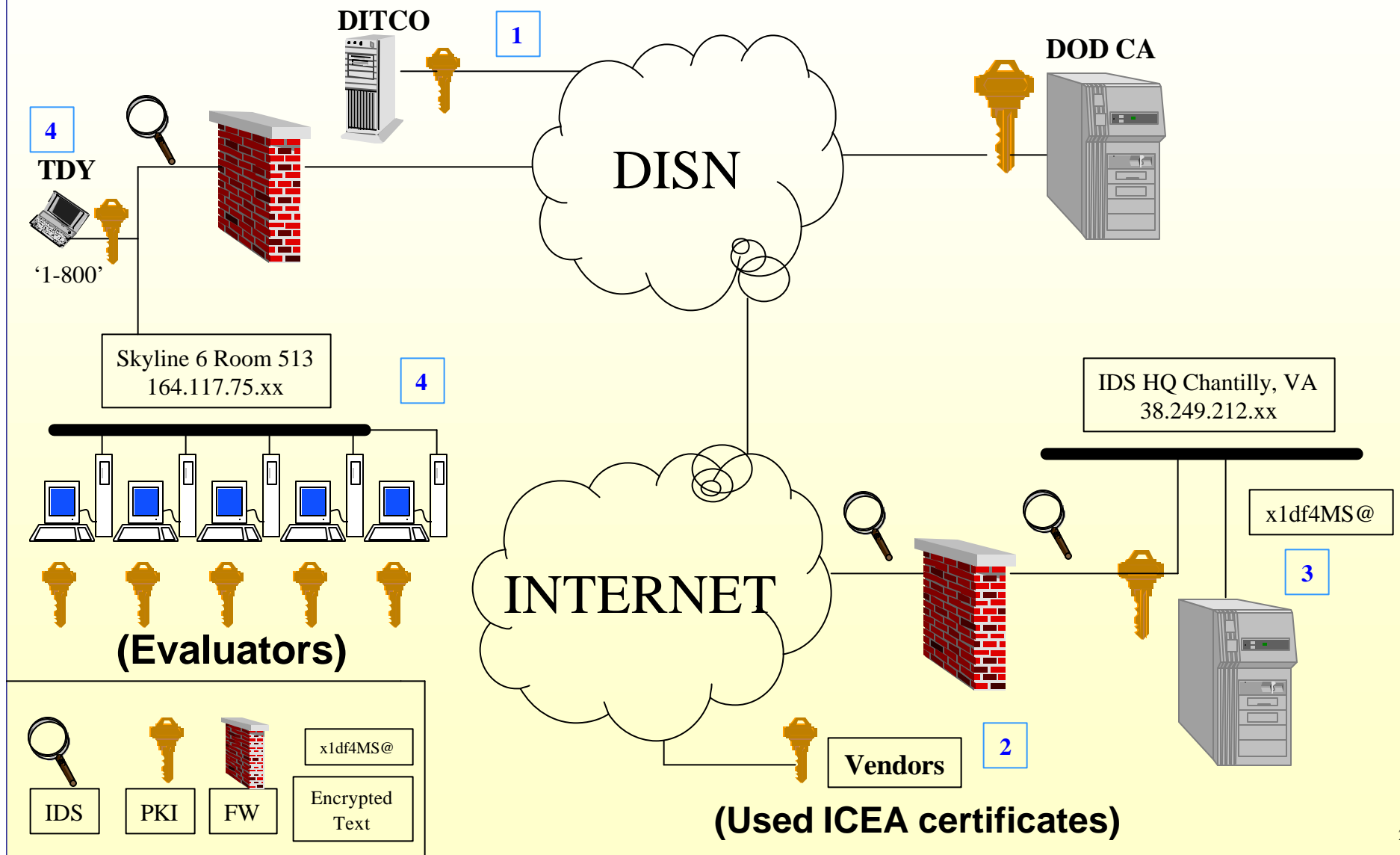
Solutions-based: Contractors can tailor services and products for each task order proposal;
Complements Enterprise Software Initiative: I
Assure vendors can provide integration services for ESI products

Task Areas:

- Policy, planning, process, program and project management support
- Standards, Architecture, Engineering and Integration support
- Solution Fielding / Implementation and operations
- Education, training, and awareness; certification and accreditation; and IA support



DISA 'I ASSURE' - Employed the DoD PKI in the Paperless "Pre-Award" of Contract Process





The Way Ahead

**Provide support to
Release 3.0**

**Incremental
releases to
improve
product and
service**

**Expand
use of PKI
on the
SIPRNET**



**Seamless
Transition**

Continue Satisfying The Warfighter Requirements!



In Summary

- Establish Trust in Cyberspace
- Provide Secure End-to-End Environment
 - Within DOD, With Commercial Sector, With Allies
- Protect Sensitive But Unclassified
- Create Communities of Interest
- Provide Essential Information Assurance Services



